

REMARKS

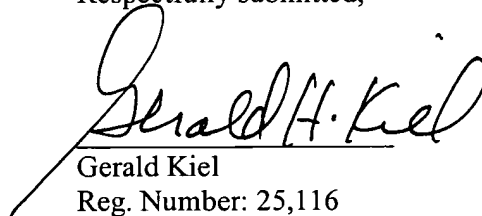
Claims 1-15 are currently pending. Claims 1, 3, 11, and 13 are amended. Claims 2 and 12 are cancelled. Applicants acknowledge the Examiner for indicating that claims 2-9 and 12-14 contain allowable subject matter. In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request the consideration and allowance of claims 1, 3-11, 13-15 in view of the following remarks.

In this Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 10, 11, and 15 under 35 U.S.C. Section 102(b) as being anticipated by Bawa et al. (US Patent No. 4,732,715). Claims 1 and 11 are amended to incorporate the allowable features recited in claims 2 and 12. Therefore, Applicants request the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1 and 11.

Claims 10 and 15 are dependent upon independent claims 1 and 11. Therefore, it is submitted that claims 10 and 15 recite patentable subject matter for at least the same reasons mentioned above. Accordingly, Applicants request the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 10, 11, and 15 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b).

In view of the above amendments, Applicants request the allowance of claims 1, 3-11, 13, 14, and 15. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner feel that a telephone conference with Applicant's attorney would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact him at the number indicated below.

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